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Title: Recent spate of attacks on students from Andhra Pradesh in U.S.A

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, kindly permit me to raise the issue of recent attacks on Andhra students in the United States on 16.12.2008.

The State of Andhra Pradesh churns out a large number of professionals in the field of engineering, medicine and information technology. They migrate to the US for further studies and job opportunities. Recently, many students from Andhra Pradesh have been either murdered or dying in accidents or under mysterious circumstances in the US. I will not take all the names but only a few. They are Allam Kiran Kumar, Komma Chandrasekhar Reddy, Ph.D. students, Soumya Reddy, electrical engineering student, and Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu, computer programmer, Arpana Jinaga, techie. There are a large number of Indians in the US, especially from Andhra Pradesh. They took loans from the banks to pursue higher studies in the US. According to some reports, Indians are not only leaving US in droves, but no one is even stepping into America. It is the duty of the US authorities to provide security to the foreign students. I also request the hon. Minister to get compensation to the families of the victims who were solely dependent on their deceased children.

Through this august House, I urge upon the Minister of External Affairs to take up this matter with the US Government to protect Indian students in general and Andhra students in particular to put an end to this mindless killing by some elements.